Accordingly, a Special Duty Group of CISF personnel is being trained for VIP protection duties.

The training of CISF personnel on VIP security is continuing in a phased manner at NSG Training Centre and CISF Training Institute.

Anti-Terrorist cells in States

794. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up special anti-terrorist cells in each State to face any terrorist related activities; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with number of such cells situated in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN RATHAK): (a) and (b) Almost all States have agreed to initiate action to strengthen local capabilities and set up Special Task Forces with the trained personnel and state-of-the-art weaponry to effectively counter the incidents of terrorism.

Request for conferring 'Bharat Ratna' on Kalpana Chawla

795. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for conferring 'Bharat Ratna" title on an individual;

(b) whether the Central Government have received requests from the public to confer 'Bharat Ratna' title posthumously on Kalpana Chawla, the Indian born astronaut;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government; and

(d) if the request is not being considered favourably, the reasons for rejecting the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) In terms of the statutes and rules relating to Bharat Ratna, the decoration is awarded for exceptional service towards